

GCCS Marine Common Hardware Suite Program

DESCRIPTION

The GCCS Marine Common Hardware Suite program provides high performance and general purpose workstations and servers that support both UNIX (RISC) and Intel (CISC) base applications. The program includes two components: 1) Tactical C4I and Functional USMC programs and 2) Computer Workstations (Desktop and Laptop) and File/Application Servers Modernization. The goals of the program are to: centralize the Marine Corps-wide procurement of workstations, file application servers and software; reduce the number of levels of computer technologies to 3-4 platforms; minimize the number of equipment manufacturers; lower the total cost of ownership by reducing the number of different configurations of computers; verify hardware compliance with minimum environmental suitability testing; and provide integrated logistics support for all fielded MCHS hardware.

PROCUREMENT PROFILE:	FY00	FY01
<i>Quantity: Modernization:</i>		
<i>Workstations</i>	<i>8,842</i>	<i>11,984</i>
<i>Servers</i>	<i>353</i>	<i>334</i>

Note: Program buys are based on multiple variances in cost and configuration.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT

The GCCS Marine Common Hardware Suite (MCHS) Modernization program implements an enterprise approach to managing the existing Marine Corps IT infrastructure. This infrastructure concept is based on commercial "best practices" and focuses on reducing the total cost of ownership.

PROGRAM STATUS

A Milestone I/III decision was made and a contract vehicle was awarded in FY99. IOC was reached in the 1st Qtr FY00 with FOC expected in FY06.

DEVELOPER/MANUFACTURER

All MCHS equipment is Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTS) hardware procured from Original Equipment Manufacturers or their reputable reseller